(b) 2 days.

(c) Catering and other arrangements for the visits referred to in (a).

Invitation—State Dinner.

209. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have any intention to invite non-official Indian gentlemen for the State Dinner that is being arranged in honour of Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Stanley ;

(b) whether they propose to invite non-official European gentlemen for the same ;

(c) if the answer to (a) is in the negative and to (b) in the affirmative, whether there is any particular reason to perpetuate this objectionable distinction ;

(d) whether they intend to invite any of the State Officials for the same ;

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, the standards on which they propose to issue those invitations ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a), (b), (d). Gentlemen from all these three classes were invited.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer above.

(e) No special standards have been fixed.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to inform me the approximate number of non-official European gentlemen invited?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—About 60.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What will be the approximate number of non-official Indians?

Mr. T. S Sesha Ayyar.—About five.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is there any special reason for this vast difference between the Europeans and Indians.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No reason.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will you kindly let me know the names of the Indians invited for the dinner?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The Chief Engineer, the Director of Public Instruction, Police Commissioner and the A. D. C. to His Highness.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Were all the officers of the same grade invited and if not, why not ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It is not a matter where information has to be collected.

President.—We have already passed the question time.

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Mr. M. K. Raman.—I ask for the indulgence of the President to give us a few minutes more. The major part of the time was taken up by the Member for Cranganur and the Member for Urakam, and during the question time a point of order was also raised.

President.—I am sorry I cannot give it to you. There are others also whose question have not been reached.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Not for me only. A little more time may be given. There are a number of other questions.

President.—There is a definite rule that one hour only should be allowed for questions.

Appointments in certain Departments.

210. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) has it come to the notice of the Government that recently the Travancore Government has passed orders that Ezhuvas, Christians and Muhammadans should be admitted for employment in certain departments which were hitherto exclusively set apart for caste-Hindus ;

(2) has the Government considered the possibility of taking a similar step in Cochin regarding the same question ;

(3) do the Government know that in respect of the question of caste, the conditions in Cochin and Travancore are alike ; if the answer is in the negative, will the Government kindly state what difference exists between the two States ;

(4) will the Government be pleased to state the names of the gentlemen who held the post of the Commandant of the Nayar Brigade during the last 20 years ; how many of them were Nayars, how many of them Christians or Muhammadans ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) No.

(2) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (1).

(3) The conditions are more or less alike.

(4) Mr. M. A. Chakko
Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar
Mr. H. W. M. Brown
Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon
Sheik Abdul Quadir Sahib Bahadur
Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon

2 Nayars, 2 Christians, 1 Muhammadan and 1 Brahmin.

Maternity patients—General Hospital.

211. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-war statement of the number of the

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